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SUBJECT: INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE UN CENTRE ON TRANS-
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, AMBASSADOR
MYERSON SPOKE WITH TNC CENTRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAHLGREN
TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CENTRE'S EXTENSIVE AND
DETAILED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO THE U.S. BUSINESS
COMMUNITY AND TO ADVISE HIM OF OUR INTENTION TO HAVE A
FULL AIRING OF THE INFORMATION COLLECTION ISSUE AT THE
NEXT MEETING OF THE TNC COMMISSION.

2. ON THE BASIS OF OUR PREVIOUS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS,
MYERSON NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT A UNIQUELY U.S. CONCERN
BUT WAS SHARED BY OTHER KEY WEO'S.

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3. SAHLGREN HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS
IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH USG OFFICIALS. SAHLGREN
IS LEAVING ON FEBRUARY 25 FOR A ONE-WEEK TRIP
TO AFRICA (TO ATTEND THE ECA MINISTERIAL, WHERE THE ISSUE
OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS APPARENTLY WILL BE DISCUSSED)
BUT AGREED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH US WHEN HE
RETURNS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE CONSULT WITH HIM

PRIOR TO THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING NOT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF RAISING THIS ISSUE BUT ON WORKING OUT A WAY OF DOING SO THAT WILL MAKE THE U.S. POINTS WITHOUT REOPENING THE WHOLE QUESTIONS, WHICH MIGHT PROVE TO BE HIGHLY CONTENTIOUS.

4. SAHLGREN ALSO ADVISED US THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM JACQUES MAISONROUGE (IBM, PARIS) IN HIS CAPACITY AS ICC REPRESENTATIVE, WHO EXPRESSED CONCERNS SIMILAR TO OURS AND INQUIRED WHETHER SAHLGREN WOULD OBJECT TO THE ICC INFORMALLY COORDINATING AT LEAST SOME COMPANY RESPONSES. SAHLGREN SAYS THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROCEDURE AND WILL BE DISCUSSING IT WITH MAISONROUGE IN PARIS LATER IN MARCH.

5. MISSION HAS INFORMED OTHER CONCERNED WEO'S OF OUR APPROACH.
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